

(y) *Remedial action* means, for the purposes of this subpart, any action other than routine maintenance or servicing, of a device where such action is necessary to prevent recurrence of a reportable event.

(z) [Reserved]

(aa)(1) *Serious injury* means an injury or illness that:

- (i) Is life-threatening;
- (ii) Results in permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to body structure; or
- (iii) Necessitates medical or surgical intervention to preclude permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to a body structure.

(2) *Permanent* means, for purposes of this subpart, irreversible impairment or damage to a body structure or function, excluding trivial impairment or damage.

(bb) *Shelf life*, as required on the manufacturer's baseline report, means the maximum time a device will remain functional from the date of manufacture until it is used in patient care. Some devices have an expiration date on their labeling indicating the maximum time they can be stored before losing their ability to perform their intended function.

(cc) [Reserved]

(dd)(1) *User facility report number* means the number that uniquely identifies each report submitted by a user facility to manufacturers and FDA. This number consists of three parts as follows:

- (i) The user facility's 10-digit Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) number (if the HCFA number has fewer than 10 digits, fill the remaining spaces with zeros);
- (ii) The four-digit calendar year in which the report is submitted; and
- (iii) The four-digit sequence number of the reports submitted for the year, starting with 0001. (For example, a complete number will appear as follows: 1234560000–1995–0001.)

(2) If a facility has more than one HCFA number, it must select one that will be used for all of its MDR reports. If a facility has no HCFA number, it should use all zeros in the appropriate space in its initial report (e.g., 0000000000–1995–0001) and FDA will assign a number for future use. The num-

ber assigned will be used in FDA's record of that report and in any correspondence with the user facility. All zeros should be used subsequent to the first report if the user does not receive FDA's assigned number before the next report is submitted. If a facility has multiple sites, the primary site can report centrally and use one reporting number for all sites if the primary site provides the name, address and HCFA number for each respective site.

(ee) *Work day* means Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 61 FR 38347, July 23, 1996, in § 803.3, paragraph (n)(4) was stayed indefinitely.

§ 803.9 Public availability of reports.

(a) Any report, including any FDA record of a telephone report, submitted under this part is available for public disclosure in accordance with part 20 of this chapter.

(b) Before public disclosure of a report, FDA will delete from the report:

(1) Any information that constitutes trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information under § 20.61 of this chapter;

(2) Any personal, medical, and similar information (including the serial number of implanted devices), which would constitute an invasion of personal privacy under § 20.63 of this chapter. FDA will disclose to a patient who requests a report, all the information in the report concerning that patient, as provided in § 20.61 of this chapter; and

(3) Any names and other identifying information of a third party voluntarily submitting an adverse event report.

(c) FDA may not disclose the identity of a device user facility which makes a report under this part except in connection with:

(1) An action brought to enforce section 301(q) of the act, including the failure or refusal to furnish material or information required by section 519 of the act;

(2) A communication to a manufacturer of a device which is the subject of a report required by a user facility under § 803.30;

(3) A disclosure relating to a manufacturer or distributor adverse event